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Subject:

Reimbursement under the National School Lunch Program  
(NSLP) for Snacks Served in After School Care Programs  
Operated by Residential Child Care Institutions (RCCI)

To:

STATE AGENCY DIRECTORS - Colorado ED, Iowa, Kansas,  
(Child Nutrition Programs Missouri ED, Montana OPI,  
Nebraska, North Dakota,  
South Dakota, Utah, Wyoming

As you know, SP 99-10 memorandum, dated January 19, 1999 transmitted a copy of the January 14, 1999 memorandum from the National Office implementing the after school snack provision of the Child Nutrition Programs' reauthorization legislation. In that memorandum, it was stated that RCCIs would not be eligible for this benefit. This decision was based on the fact that children in residential institutions would not have the opportunity to engage in "at risk" behavior in the community and would not, therefore, need programs of the sort envisioned by the law. However, RCCIs often have nonresidential care components, and these components may offer after school education and enrichment programs that help reduce or prevent children's involvement in juvenile crime or other high risk behavior. Some RCCIs also offer such programs to residential children in order to enhance their education and training experiences.

To address these situations, the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) is authorizing RCCIs to participate in the after school snack program. To be eligible, RCCIs must meet all other requirements established for this benefit. Specifically, they must have a care program that includes an appropriate education or enrichment program as outlined in the January 14, 1999, memorandum (attachment to SP 99-10). Finally, RCCIs that have already been serving snacks that meet program patterns and have been properly counting these meals may claim reimbursement retroactively. RCCIs in this situation will have until December 31, 1999 to

submit claims for snacks served between October 1998 and July 1999 to allow them sufficient time to submit claims after the State agency notifies them of their eligibility. This expanded access to after school snacks would also apply to boarding schools that have developed eligible programs.

The regional office is in the process of obtaining additional clarification with regard to the expansion of this provision to include RCCIs and boarding schools. Any further questions regarding implementation should be forwarded to our office so that we can move quickly to address any issues that you may have.



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Attachment